

May 10, 2000

Ms. Pamela Goldstein Manager of Communications City of Newark 920 Broad Street, Room 200 Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Ms. Goldstein:

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Newark Housing Authority (NHA), it is my honor and pleasure to invite you to the implosion of the last remaining buildings at the Reverend William P. Hayes Homes complex on Saturday, May 20, 2000 at 9 A.M.

This demolition is a continuation of our collaboration with Mayor Sharpe James' and the Municipal Council's efforts to revitalize the city of Newark in general and the Central Ward in particular.

The demolition will affect two 12-story buildings, along with a 140-foot high smokestack, and will involve 236,700 square feet. The 46-year-old buildings are bounded by Irvine Turner Boulevard to the east, between West Kinney Street and 17th Avenue.

For your safety and convenience, we will have a tent located on Irvine Turner Boulevard, between 17th and 18th Avenues. Please note that the implosion is scheduled for 9 A.M. sharp. Therefore, we advise that you arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the implosion as streets will be blocked off in the area.

We hope that your schedule will permit you to join us as we advance our goal of removing nonviable, obsolete high-rise public housing from Newark's skyline and replacing it with appropriately-designed, quality housing. Please call (973) 430-2217/2369 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you on May 20th.

Sincerely,

Robert Graham / Executive Director